

I am greatly concerned about the FCC's push to further relax rules which limit media consolidation. Deregulation has all but killed radio. I fear for our democracy if American citizens are denied access to diverse and complete information. If we don't have information, we don't have a choice. We don't have a democracy. At present, only SIX media giants control 90% of all media in America. How can you even consider easing the restrictions which prevent greater consolidation? No one has benefitted from the previous consolidation, except the corporate giants who were born of it-- cable rates have not gone down, competition has not increased. Radio has become an homogenized joke. One need only look at the lack of media coverage of the FCC's push for deregulation to see the effects of media consolidation. Furthermore, the internet doesn't guarantee diversity-- a relatively small percent of Americans, of a very specific economic demographic, have access to the internet. The FCC is supposed to protect the interests of the public, NOT the interests of big business. I urge you to maintain the current limits on media ownership. Please don't sell us out. Thank you,
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